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NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BARGAINING

Most emphatic portion of D. E. Nickerson's annual report to the Oregon State Federation of Labor was the protest against too much bureaucratic tinkering with the relations of employer and employee. After considerable experience with governmental agencies, the able executive secretary of the AFL in this state offers this conclusion:

"Free negotiation by labor and management is most satisfactory for the interests of both and will better serve the public."

The labor convention heard similar advice from E. P. Marsh, veteran director of the U. S. Department of Labor's conciliation service, an agency which goes back 30 years and antedates most of the agencies which have been created to bring more force and authority into the settlement of labor disputes. Mr. Marsh tells the delegates:

"You must bargain and bargain again! In the end these troubles always have to be settled across a table and the question is—why not now. It should be your aim to exhaust every possibility for reasonable settlement."

Many of the speakers at this convention have expressed the fear that with "too much government" in labor relations the very essence of collective bargaining may be lost. Over many generations, organized labor has poured its "sweat, blood and tears" (literally) into the fight to achieve the bargaining right. It has seen this right recognized by Congress and written into the law of the land, but now it is asking the same question which is asked by the farmer, the business, the ordinary citizen who sees regimentation creeping into his life:

"Where shall the limit be set on government authority? Where shall we set the boundaries between federal agencies and home-made common sense?"

Eugene is very fortunate that the war has brought this state convention to our city again (because we happen to be at the crossroads of this state). There is a great deal to be learned from the free and open discussions of these labor leaders. Theirs is indeed an open forum. They have encouraged plain talk by Dave Simpson, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Mort Tomkins of the Grange, Dr. Bernard Noble of WLB, representatives of the American Legion and many others who have made free to mention some of labor's faults and mistakes.

This labor convention is discussing the problems of post-war with more earnestness than any other group that has met here, possibly because the dangers of depression and unemployment are so real to them. They are reaching out to understand and to be understood. Their demand for "free negotiation" goes right along with the business cry to preserve "free enterprise."

For many years we have watched labor disputes, and it has been our observation that those which result in trouble are due mainly to fear and distrust on both sides, unwillingness to "lay the cards on the table" so that common sense can work with facts. There has been need of laws to guarantee the right to bargain (and those laws should work both ways). This is need of government both ways. There is need of government too hot, and we have long contended that there is need of some judicial procedure, some equivalent of a court before which disputes can be judged under law without resort to force. BUT—

"There is no substitute for free bargaining!" That means simply that there is no substitute for home-grown common sense!

"PRIVATE WORKS" SURVEY PROCEEDS

One of the most important projects of our Central Lane Council is the "private works survey" on which W. C. Ballaine of the University School of Business has just made a preliminary report to Rogers Kimberling's committee. It will require the rest of the summer to complete this huge fact-finding job, tabulate the results, and make the evaluations and recommendations.

Lane county has been very proud of its achievement in rolling up nearly \$4,000,000 in cash reserves for local public works. But, in the fulfillment of our aim to "take care of our own" in the post-war, to have a decent job for every man or woman who belongs here, these public works are merely "a drop in the bucket." The public works would not support Lane county's payrolls more than six weeks.

The spearhead of the drive for post-war prosperity must be "private works," what industry and business can do, and that is what this survey is about. The preliminary reports are very good:

1. In the immediate post-war private employment should hold very near the 1940 level when we had 19,000 gainfully employed.
2. New plan and repair programs of business should add some \$5,000,000 to our "job stockpile."
3. Incomplete returns indicate a vast reservoir of private savings and income which will

be turned to home building and other buying which makes useful work.

4. The outlook for many new industries is bright.

However, the importance of this survey will depend on our ability to make intelligent use of it. A post-war "boom" should be viewed with positive dread. Sound growth should be encouraged but we need to know it is sound. The first problem is to get the best set of facts available. Upon these facts, many a businessman will be able to guide his post-war buying and the individual the amount which he will spend or invest, looking to the future as it is indicated not by fancy, but by some valid facts.

Mr. Ballaine and his assistants are doing a very painstaking job, and it is urgent that everybody who gets a set of questions should cooperate promptly, with the truth, the conservative truth. This Lane county survey is patterned to some extent on the previous Minnesota surveys (only we hope to do a much better job). The Lane survey may be the pattern for similar studies in every county of the state. Mr. Ballaine is working with Bonneville's power use surveys, exchanging information, saving duplication of effort and waste.

What of the effects of national or world conditions? We cannot escape them entirely. We can contribute quite a bit by knowing just what we have here, what special problems we may have to meet, finding our share of "the answers." It does not require political magic to stand on your own feet.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

DIES—TRIFLES WERE TREASON

So Martin Dies is letting go the tail of that bear he has been wrestling for six years, and another militant crusader passes from the scene. There have been more cheers than tears over his announcement that he will not seek re-election to Congress, which is something of a pity. For Martin Dies had something there, and when he grabbed hold of the fifth column issue of un-American activities in 1938 there was nothing that needed unmasking more.

The trouble with Martin Dies was the trouble with all militant crusaders. He became hipped on the subject and lost his sense of proportion. Every trifling incident of irregularity became something sinister and menacing. Ex-physical cultist John Bovington became something subversive when it was disclosed that this third-string government hack had once been a ballet dancer. A psychopathic Norwegian pacifist refugee youth named John Collett was made the international villain of the Peace Now movement. Of some 1300 alleged Communists in government employ, Department of Justice found cause for the firing of only five.

It would be unfair to judge the Dies Committee and its works solely on the basis of these off-base cases. Run through the records of all American crusaders and you will find the same intolerant streak. It is their weakness and eventually their undoing.

The abolitionists wanted to end slavery, period. The prohibitionists wanted a bone-dry America, period.

The New Dealers wanted to make over America, exclamation point.

To Martin Dies, there was only one brand of Americanism, and that was his brand. Everything else was strictly un-American.

Not Pro-Fascist, Not Pro-Nazi
The charge that Dies was entirely anti-Communist and therefore pro-Fascist and pro-Nazi just can't be substantiated. While the Committee's Appendix I, published in December, 1940, was a disclosure of Communist activities, Appendix II was all about Nazi goings on, and Appendix VI, published shortly after Pearl Harbor from material gathered before, was a compilation of Japanese activities in America.

The committee harvested everything, but with little effort to thresh out wheat from chaff.

In the scores of volumes of testimony, hearings, exhibits and reports which the committee had ordered printed, there is an amazing collection of information. In the files of the committee work-rooms on the fifth floor of the Old House Office Building, where few people ever venture, there is material for 100 volumes more. Index cards by the thousand with names and records of almost everyone who ever criticized anything in the United States, painstakingly compiled by Director of Research J. B. Matthews, Chief Investigator Robert E. Stripling, and their staff. In six years of life, the committee has had appropriations totaling half a million dollars.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

Ivan is the elevator boy in the hotel at which I'm now staying here in Seattle. Ivan will run elevators only until he is well enough to go back into the navy. He got safely through six major engagements in the South Pacific but not the seventh. A Jap bomb hit the ship between the first and second turrets. After that the ship didn't have a bow.

Ivan didn't get hit but became a casualty of that disaster just the same. For batteries, when submerged in salt water, create chlorine. And a lot of batteries got submerged when the bow of the ship went down. The deadly gas swept through the ship and did terrible things to the boys' lungs. So Ivan was sent home.

He says that when fighting is actually in process, the boys are too busy to be frightened, but frankly admits they're scared to death during the time they're on the alert, waiting for action. The fright starts when the radar reports the approach of the enemy. It increases as the radar tells them the foe is nearer; then nearer. The boys' stomachs are hard knots. Then suddenly the enemy arrives and fear is gone; action takes its place.

Ivan is 20. "Once, on shore leave, I got married. It didn't take." As he stated this, his eyes weren't 20; they were as old as Time. One engagement on land had aged those eyes more than seven at sea.

"Why did you get married?" I asked.
"I don't know," and I saw he was still puzzled over how it had come about. "It wasn't that I hadn't seen girls; we were in Australia for weeks and saw lots of them. I think when the boys get married, they don't marry the particular girl who takes their name. They marry a dream; a dream of some one to whom they'll really matter; to whom they'll be the most important person on earth. In the navy you're not an individual. The set-up doesn't make that possible."

"Also, when a fellow thinks of a girl, she gets mixed up with things like never being scared any more; a girl means no more gun fire; no more seeing the guy beside you have his guts shot out. A girl isn't just a girl. She's your mother and the groceryman and Saturday night dances and stuff like that. So you marry her and find she isn't those things at all."

And I saw that while chlorine had hurt Ivan's lungs, it was nothing to what marriage had done to his heart.

"Some one's calling on the 6th floor, Ma'am; sorry to leave you," said Ivan.

Society, Women's Organizations

By MARIAN LOWRY

ZONTA BUYS \$7875

IN BONDS WEDNESDAY

At their meeting Wednesday evening, Eugene hotel, Eugene Zonta club members purchased \$7875, maturity value, in war bonds as one activity in helping along the fifth war loan drive.

Mrs. Harold Jensen, chairman of the women's division for this drive, was a guest at the meeting and wrote out the bond sales.

Program on Russia
The Wednesday program was the first of the new year's series on "International Thinking," during which members will study various countries.

Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed and Mrs. Bertha Fulwiler were in charge for this program on Russia.

Mrs. G. H. Good was guest speaker. She discussed women of Russia and something of the Russian culture. She pointed out the influence of women from early times in Russia her talk mentioning especially Princess Olga who brought Russia its religion and an alphabet. Russian women are great homemakers, and the family has been a strong unit in the country, Mrs. Good said. She also told of the place of music. Russians, she said, have to sing on all occasions, no matter what their work is or what they are doing. Mrs. Good displayed several handmade articles that had belonged to her parents and other relatives, some of them handwoven linens and finished in very fine, elaborate cross stitch and fancy work. She also played a number of songs on a phonograph, recordings made by ASTP students studying Russia on the campus the past year.

To Assist Carnival
The club will assist in the bond carnival late in June, Mrs. Larry Sweetman being representative from the Zonta club working with other groups.

The club also voted to work with other women's service clubs, the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club, the Quota club, and the Young Business Women's club, in sponsoring a candidate for the bond queen. Mrs. W. Ellsworth Hunt, Mrs. George Korn, and Mrs. L. M. Orchard are the committee arranging for this activity.

Miss Hazel Cook, member of the Portland club, was a guest.

Two members of the club are in Chicago attending the Zonta International convention this week. Mrs. C. A. Huntington, president, and Mrs. Eva Collins. Mrs. J. S. Rosencrans presided at the Wednesday meeting as first vice-president.

No more meetings will be held until July 19, the Fourth of July coming on the first Tuesday of the month.

MISS CUMMINGS HERE

Miss Mary Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cummings, arrived Thursday morning from New York city where she has been on a fellowship at Columbia university majoring for a master's degree in social science and psychiatry. Miss Cummings will be here on vacation until September 15 when she takes a position with the Portland federal housing authority as a project housing adviser. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon with the class of 1942 and is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority on the campus.

SON IS BORN

Announcement has been received here of the birth of a son to Lt. and Mrs. John K. Martin at Charleston, South Carolina, June 17. The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Martin and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bouck, all of Eugene, Mrs. John Martin being the former June Bouck.

GIRL RESERVE EVENT

All Girl Reserves planning to attend the Girl Reserve camp, Westwind, are asked to attend a camp meeting to be held Friday evening, seven o'clock, campus YWCA bungalow. If there are any girls who are interested but have not received material there are still a few vacancies for camp. It is reported. Information regarding transportation and equipment will be given at this meeting.

WESTWAY CLUB

Westway club was entertained at luncheon and cards Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Dunn. Mrs. R. M. Mitchell was a special guest. Honors at cards went to Mrs. Harry Wheeler and Mrs. B. T. Merrill. The club will meet July 5 at the home of Mrs. Glenn Woods, 1050 Filmore street.

PENWOMEN'S CLUB

REPORTS MEETING

The June meeting of the Penwomen's club was held at the home of Mrs. Jess Hayden. Mrs. Hayden, president, presided. Following the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Minnie Conley, secretary, the group made plans for summer programs and voted to hold the July 17 meeting at the home of Mrs. Conley, and the Aug. 28 meeting and covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lon Hawkins, River loop 2.

It was decided that every member should report at each meeting, the writing she planned to send to publishers during the month and that she should have either acceptance or rejection slips to show at each meeting. The plan was chosen in order to encourage amateurs to be more persistent in sending out their work. In connection with this plan copy writing and markets were discussed. Mrs. Alta King told of a long list of English markets.

Mrs. Hawkins reported on the authors, Rose Myra Phillips and Helen Hedrick of the National Penwomen's organization.

Mrs. Mary Hudson and Mrs. Conley reported the sale of some of their paintings. Several members told of incidents of personal experiences with authors and publishers. Stories and poems, both published and unpublished were read. Mrs. Charles Lytle read two poems, "From My Cottage on the Hill" and "Mary's Garden." Mrs. Hayden read "Parade of the Pumpkin Pirates" from her collection of children's stories. Mrs. R. D. Lee read a poem "Fishing" and played and sang a song, "Here's to You Sailor Boy," which she composed in honor of her son in the armed services. Mrs. Hawkins read a story, entitled "Blundering Conscience."

Guests present were, Mrs. Charles Lytle of Salem Penwomen's club, Mrs. R. D. Lee, formerly of Roseburg Penwomen's club, and Miss Georgia Stebbins, who is visiting her sister, Miss Rosina Stebbins.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Joint memorial services were held following the regular meeting of Eugene Rebekahs Wednesday evening, in which the Odd Fellows also took part. Those honored by the service, deceased in the past year, included Dr. Ella C. Meade, Mrs. Rosella Starr Sidwell, Mrs. Nettie McKinney, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Mrs. Samantha Dillard, C. O. Webber, and J. H. Herron.

Miss Ruth Murtha, district deputy president, announced an open installation ceremony will be held at the first July meeting, and the committee to have charge will be made up of members whose names begin with P, R and S.

In the absence of the noble grand, Mrs. George Mast, vice grand, presided. The committee was Mrs. Harry A. Osburn and Mrs. Genevieve Nettleton.

BUILDERS CLUB

Last meeting of the Bethesda Builders club, until September, was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harold Dawe, with Mrs. Marvin Hendricksen as hostess. Mrs. Clarence Leslie gave a reading, and Mrs. John Hundtofte presented a missionary story.

The club has sent two mahogany collection plates, with a gift of cash included, to a mission church at San Leandro, Calif.; it was reported.

Plans were discussed for a picnic in July, to which families of members will be invited.

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